

S. RES. 18

Whereas, on November 22, 2015, the citizens of the Argentine Republic elected Mauricio Macri as their President;

Whereas President Macri has pledged to promote greater national unity, rebuild the economy, combat domestic corruption, strengthen freedom of the press, defend human rights abroad, attract foreign direct investment, return to international credit markets, and reassert Argentina's leadership globally;

Whereas President Macri has emphasized his intention to seek closer ties with the United States and restore the bilateral partnership previously enjoyed by both countries;

Whereas the Argentine Republic is a major non-NATO ally of the United States;

Whereas United States-Argentina relations are historically characterized by comprehensive commercial ties and strong bilateral cooperation on human rights, peacekeeping, science and technology, non-proliferation, and education, as well as on regional and global issues;

Whereas President Obama traveled to Argentina in March 2016 to strengthen engagement on issues of bilateral interest, such as trade, investment, energy, security, and peacekeeping

Whereas, in an appearance with President Macri at the Casa Rosada in Buenos Aires, President Obama said that "our countries share profound values in common—respect for human rights, for individual freedoms, for democracy, for justice, and for peace";

Whereas the United States Department of the Treasury no longer opposes multilateral development banks lending to Argentina because of the Government of Argentina's "progress on key issues and positive economic policy trajectory";

Whereas President Macri prioritized Argentina resolving its 15-year standoff with private creditors stemming from the 2001–2002 economic crisis;

Whereas the Macri Administration lifted controls on trade, currency, and poultry, enhanced the quality and transparency of government data, and eliminated subsidies on electricity, water, and gas;

Whereas, in April 2016, the Government of Argentina issued \$16,500,000,000 in new government bonds and paid \$9,300,000,000 to hold-out creditors to resolve its default settlements, which facilitated Argentina's return to international financial markets;

Whereas Argentina is Latin America's third largest economy and the International Monetary Fund, in April 2016, claimed the Macri Administration "embarked on an ambitious, much needed transition to remove domestic imbalances and distortions and correct relative prices";

Whereas Secretary of State John Kerry visited Argentina in August 2016 to launch a High-Level Dialogue to develop and sustain cooperation on bilateral, regional, and global challenges, including democratic development and protection of human rights in Latin America; and

Whereas Secretary Kerry, during his visit, stated that "the United States strongly supports President Macri's effort to deepen Argentina's integration with the global economy" and that "our governments will be supporting policies that are aimed at strong, sustainable, and balanced economic growth";

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) upholds its commitment to the partnership between the United States and Argentina and reaffirms that the Argentine Republic is a major non-NATO ally of the United States;

(2) encourages the Department of State to coordinate an interagency strategy to in-

crease cooperation with the Government of Argentina on areas of bilateral, regional, and global concern;

(3) commends President Mauricio Macri and his Administration for making far-reaching economic reforms that will benefit the people of Argentina, stimulate economic growth, and deepen Argentina's integration with the global economy;

(4) praises the Government of Argentina for resolving its dispute with international creditors;

(5) encourages the Government of Argentina to continue to investigate and prosecute those responsible for the 1994 bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association (AMIA) in Buenos Aires, as well as the January 2015 death of AMIA special prosecutor Alberto Nisman; and

(6) expresses its desire that the growing partnership between the United States and Argentina will result in greater cooperation at multilateral institutions, such as the United Nations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 19—DENOUNCING THE DEADLY ATTACK AT FORT LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, HONORING THE LIVES OF THE VICTIMS, OFFERING CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND ALL THOSE AFFECTED, AND COMMENDING THE EFFORTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL IN RESPONDING TO THE INCIDENT

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. NELSON, and Mrs. ERNST) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 19

Whereas the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport ranks 21st in the United States in total passenger traffic, with over 73,000 travelers passing through each day on 1 of the over 650 commercial flights that embark and arrive at the airport each day;

Whereas, on Friday, January 6, 2017, around 1:00 p.m., an individual in the baggage claim area of Terminal 2 at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport shot more than 10 people, wounding several and killing 5;

Whereas the people of the United States grieve for the families of all those affected by this tragedy;

Whereas the people of the United States honor the memories of the 5 individuals who tragically lost their lives; and

Whereas constant efforts by law enforcement agencies, civilians, and communities are needed to help thwart future attacks:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the deadly attack at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport on January 6, 2017, where 5 innocent people were killed and many others were injured;

(2) honors the lives and memories of the victims killed in the attack and offers sincere condolences to their families and friends;

(3) desires that those injured in the attack make a full recovery; and

(4) commends the efforts of law enforcement and emergency response personnel who selflessly acted to secure the scene and assist those in need.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I have one request for a committee to meet during today's session of the Senate. It has the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to Rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 23, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my Army fellow, CPT David Judson, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Eric Skidmore, Kailee Farrell, Benjamin Willis, Kelly Singleton, and Kathryn Haake, legislative fellows in my office, be given floor privileges for the rest of this Congress.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

DENOUNCING THE DEADLY ATTACK AT FORT LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 19, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 19) denouncing the deadly attack at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, honoring the lives of the victims, offering condolences to their families, friends, and all those affected, and commending the efforts of law enforcement and emergency response personnel in responding to the incident.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 19) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")